

# PIETERBURG IS BOERS.

Two Burgher Columns Are Converging on the Capital of Natal, Where Clery's Force Is Concentrated.

Estcourt Appeals to Ladysmith for Aid—Boers Capture the Messenger, but Let Him Deliver His Dispatches.

British Camp on the Mooi River, Near Weston, Attacked with Artillery—Burghers Still Advance South.

Durban, Nov. 22.—The advance of the Boers southward is constant. To-day they opened fire with artillery upon the British camp at the Mooi River, near Weston, without effect.

A force of 3,000 Boers is at Fort Nottingham, marching eastward. This force is from the Free State.

Another column is at Greytown, marching westward. This is probably the force under General Schalk-Burger, that marched from the Transvaal through Zululand.

The purpose of these two columns apparently is to converge upon Pietermaritzburg, where General Clery commands the force of about 10,000 intended for the relief of Ladysmith.

A momentous engagement is imminent. Estcourt has been cut off since the evening of Tuesday. The telegraph line was cut near Highlands Station.

The Boers have taken possession of the railway station and stopped movement of trains.

General Hildyard is in command of the British force camped up at the foot of the big mountain range, where the Boers have been a disadvantage instead of a benefit, for consideration for the safety of the guns, the British to the south and prevented mobility of a withdrawal.

London, Nov. 22.—The Daily News has the following from Pietermaritzburg, under Wednesday's date:

"Your correspondent managed to escape from the Mooi River district yesterday before the arrival of 6,000 Boers, who are looting the farmsteads in all directions. The Natal Boers, encouraged by the success of the Transvaal, join in the looting."

"The main body of the Boers made a rapid march from the foot of the big mountain range, to a point near Fort Nottingham, south of the railway, a distance of thirty miles, in a single day."

"They are within forty miles of Pietermaritzburg at the farthest, and it is said that they intend to attack the town."

Preterit, Tuesday, Nov. 21.—The following dispatch was received from the Boer headquarters near Ladysmith:

"The field cornets of the Free State Commando reported that British gun carriages and some horsemen had been heard moving last night in Ladysmith. One outpost observed the British, and the Boers, who were too great, and therefore our artillery began shelling, which drove the British back."

"About dark the British batteries fired upon our positions. Two burghers were wounded."

"It is supposed that the object of the sortie was to relieve the Estcourt. The Boers had sent an urgent message to Ladysmith requesting aid. The burghers captured the messenger, but finally allowed him to proceed."

"It is reported that the Natal police have captured a number of Transvaal dispatch riders."

His latest report General Joubert says:

"I am cutting off the retreat of the Estcourt troops to Pietermaritzburg and driving them back on the Tugela River."

"It is also reported that the Boer commando with its forces, under command of the late General Buller, have comprehensively surveyed the different points from which the fall of Ladysmith can be insured."

# CONFIDENTIAL MEN AS AGENTS OF THE SPANISH CABINET OF TREASON.



General Polavieja, Minister of War, Is Also Arraigned by the Senate as a Party to the Great Conspiracy.

Silvela Was to Be Made President—Accuser Asserts the Recent Courts-Martial Were a Mask to Shield Traitors.

trigue had for its object the overthrow of the Government and to put General Polavieja in power.

"The men who are to-day at the head of our Government are all incompetent and deceivers. I am not to prophesy the misfortunes of my country, but I am here only in my humble capacity as a Senator and representative of the people to do my duty. I feel that my country is in danger, and something must be done to save it. I am a monarchist and I believe all can be done within the monarchy."

"To-day say it is a holy duty of this country to wipe the present government out of existence and that, without honor, but with dishonor to them."

"Why will not the Government give us the documents of the court-martial of Cervera and the court-martial of Montefiore, and all the other court-martials? Because it is afraid. They know that within five days after they have delivered these documents they will be compelled to leave the country in disgrace."

"Senator, I to-day declare and swear on the most holy oath, before you and before the country, and swear and declare before my honor, that these documents, which I have just delivered, are the most honest and the most truthful, and that these crimes are a thousand-fold more grave and infamous than those committed in the new famous French court-martial against Dreyfus."

"It is known now that certain persons were punished in order to satisfy the public sentiment, but it is also known that these persons were paid, bribed, rewarded for the punishment that they agreed to undergo, so that the real criminals, who are in high life, should go free."

"I swear to you that I know the gravity of the situation which I have just presented to you, and of which I hold the proofs, which proofs show that a captain-general, a lieutenant-general, who has the safety of a captain-general, his chief of staff and other generals were guilty of such acts that if they were known would condemn them to be shot."

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# ROOSEVELT ADVISES COLLINS CASE WILL PLAT TO STEFLE POLICE BILL. CAUSE CHARGES OF MURDER.

"When You Know You Can't Pass a Measure, Don't Introduce It," He Says, After Discussing Machine's Scheme.

"Caucus Bolting on Party Bills," He Says, "Raises the Mischief and Wastes the Time of the Legislature."

Aldridge Warns Platt That Armstrong and Parsons Will Not Obey Orders to Support Constabulary Plan.

A man who would steal for a boss would steal from a boss.—Governor Roosevelt at Chamber of Commerce dinner.

After nearly two hours and a half of discussion of this and other proposed legislative measures, it was announced that nothing had been decided about the State constabulary or anything else. All had been left for consideration at another conference to be held within a week or ten days.

Senator Platt had allowed it to be understood among his intimate friends that he had had enough votes pledged to push the State police bill through the next Legislature. He was unable to satisfy the Governor of this.

Senator Platt had counted upon Messrs. Parsons and Armstrong, of Rochester. His hopes were dashed when just before the breakfast party assembled George W. Aldridge dropped in to say he doubted if he could deliver the votes of the two Senators named.

Mayor-elect Carmichael, of Rochester, who has been chosen to succeed a Democrat, has come out publicly in state, emphatically condemning the State police plan as nefarious and in violation of home rule. Aldridge said he would go back to Rochester and plead with the Senators and Mayor to see that no line, but he was not sanguine of success.

It came to those at the breakfast that Senator Coughlin, of Oneida, would oppose the bill, and that he would favor the scheme. That is why the Governor advised that the bill stay in Platt's pocket.

Governor Roosevelt, on hurrying away to catch a train for Oyster Bay, said: "We have discussed the State Constabulary bill and other measures without reaching any conclusion. I shall talk things over with the Senators, and Mr. Odell again within a few days."

Chairman Odell said: "We are striving to collect information about the State Constabulary plan. If it is introduced it will be passed and become a law."

Doubtful Ones Summoned.

Messrs. Parsons and Odell are to spend their time until next conference hurrying Senators into plugging themselves in the bill, and to see that they get in the line. Parsons and Armstrong, as well as Wilcox and Willis, have been summoned here for orders. They may get here this week or wait until next week, when they will be here to fix up the committee's plans.

Just after Platt, Roosevelt and Odell had parted, Louis F. Tamm, who is looking for a position as Superintendent of Insurances, was closeted with Mr. Odell. They remained together for a half hour. Mr. Odell declared that Platt's name was mentioned at breakfast. Platt himself declined to say whether any deal had been arranged whereby any other holding than his own seat in by the Governor would be held up by the Senate.

It was admitted that the Governor had expressed a preference for Merton E. Lewis, of Rochester, for chairman of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. Platt and Odell favor Fallows. But if Parsons and Armstrong make it a condition of their support of the State Constabulary bill that they be made Mr. Fallows' successor, Fallows might be "shunted."

400 MACHINISTS ON NEW YORK CENTRAL ROAD QUIET.

Strike at Depew Due to Refusal to Take Back Discharged Union Workmen.

Buffalo, Nov. 22.—More than 400 machinists and helpers employed in the locomotive works of the New York Central Railroad at Depew quit work to-day.

On last Saturday several union men employed in the shops were discharged, and it was the refusal of the company to take them back that caused the strike.

It is said that unless the demand of the strikers is conceded the strike will extend to the entire works at Depew.

"Road Barriers Repaired."

Dr. Michael B. Fenney, Chief Sanitary Inspector of Manhattan, said yesterday regarding the condition of the Manhattan Elevated Railroad that the new road had the best of the old one in its activity in repairs of various kinds. He intimated that this is due to the action of the Board of Health.

Secretary Root Orders Shafter to Make a Rigid Investigation of Accusations Made by the Woman's Friends.

Men Who Are Guilty Will Be Indicted for the Crime, and Put On Trial for Their Lives in San Francisco.

Charges of Rioting and Mutiny Also to Be Made Against Regulars and Volunteers on the Transport Tartar.

Washington, Nov. 22.—The persons criminally responsible for the death of Mrs. Charles L. Collins, wife of the late Captain Collins, of the Twenty-third Infantry, will be indicted before a special tribunal for murder.

The Journal printed exclusively on Monday the facts in this case, showing that charges had been filed with Secretary Root to the effect that Mrs. Collins' death was due to inhuman treatment while on the transport Tartar, enroute from Manila to San Francisco.

The allegations in the case of Mrs. Collins were referred promptly by Mr. Root to General Shafter. It is reported on good authority that many discharged soldiers, both regulars and volunteers, practically captured the ship and ran it to suit themselves. After leaving Hong Kong, where there was pandemonium on board, bad food, fearfully crowded and unhealthy quarters, insufficient medical attention for the sick, and no proper care for the women, Mrs. Collins, it is alleged, suffered from all these horrors, and, in addition, was robbed of her money.

When she reached San Francisco she was unable to proceed home. She was taken care of by the family of a friend at the Presidio, where, Mrs. Collins died on October 22, twelve days after being taken off the Tartar.

It is said tonight that General Shafter may order some arrests contemporaneously with the mailing of his report to the Secretary of War.

STEWARDESS OF TARTAR TELLS OF COLLINS JEWELS.

San Francisco, Nov. 22.—Mrs. J. C. Clay, who was stewardess on the Government's ship Tartar, has told what she knows of the fatal illness of the widow of Captain Charles L. Collins.

"When the ship arrived at the wharf here," said Mrs. Clay to-day, "Quartermaster Van Vorhies handed to me Mrs. Collins' charms bag of money, saying he had kept out the amount due him for champagne. I did not look into the bag, but gave it to Dr. Hoffman. A little later Captain Van Vorhies handed to me another charms bag, which he said contained Mrs. Collins' diamonds. I gave this bag to Captain Pybbs, commander of the ship. The money bag was very light and I heard it contained only \$1 or \$2."

"Concerning her experiences on the ship and her opinion of its food and comforts, Mrs. Clay said the food in the cabin was simply frightful, and the stilt unpalatable."

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Premier Silvela Is Charged Before the Senate with Plotting to Overthrow Monarchy and Establish a Republic.

His Scheme, It Is Alleged, Was to Declare the Boy King of Age, Give Him Control and Then Dethrone Him.

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Madrid, Nov. 21.—Count Almenara, the Spanish Senator who last year denounced the generalis of his country for cowardice, has again stirred up trouble, and this time in the secret session of the Spanish Senate—trouble which undoubtedly will lead to the resignation of the entire Cabinet, if not to interior revolutions.

He is the only Senator who has had the courage to protest against the action of the Government which absolutely refused to deliver to the Senate the proceedings of the court-martials of the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico.

The audacity of the Government in thus withholding those documents from the Senate may be better understood when it is remembered that the Senate is the highest tribunal in Spain, not even the throne taking precedence over its authority.

Count Almenara disclosed to the Senate a number of grave secrets and accused the high military courts, as well as the Ministers of the Cabinet, of high treason, and he did this under oath, asserting that it is treason to withhold the proceedings of these court-martials from the Senate.

He told Senator Silvela, the Prime Minister, that he would not be permitted to hold his office until he had sworn to the truth, and that he "married in second matrimony to untruth and impudence; that all his acts had been deceitful, blustering and fatal to the welfare of his country, as well as all the acts of the Government while he presided as Prime Minister."

He also accused the Prime Minister of entering into nefarious plots against the Government in order to promote his own ambitions, and further charges that he entered into these plots with the former Minister of War, General Polavieja.

It was evident he said, that the object of this plot was to put Silvela in power, and to associate with himself persons of such character as would not be permitted to hold high positions in any civilized country. And he charges Silvela with using the Government to further his own interests and to accomplish his own purposes, to the neglect of any patriotic considerations or duties.

Count Almenara then proceeds to denounce Villaverde, the Minister of Finance, and charges that he, too, is concerned in these plots; that he presented to the Senate a false budget of expenses, which was, after an examination of its items, cut down to the extent of 60,000,000 pesetas, and which report at the time was branded as false and deceptive.

He said that the whole administration was one of deceit, that it lacked honesty in every way, that the word "honesty" is not in its vocabulary.

He further charged that the present condition of Spain, the suffering of her people, the poverty of her treasury and her defeated hopes and ambitions, were entirely due to the false, deceitful measures of the Ministry, which, under the cloak of religion, regeneration and morality, had misled the people and bankrupted the country.

Denounces Secretary of War.

He next denounced the Secretary of War, whom he charged with putting a "journalist," named Uguis, in the penitentiary because he justly criticized the Secretary. Further, he attacked the Prime Minister for his indifference to the fate of the Spanish prisoners in the Philippines, whose privations and sufferings were the cause of many murders among the people, and much real sorrow to those who had the welfare of the country at heart.

"The only defense," he said, "that the Prime Minister made was that he appointed Senor Selma Cordera as a delegate, and sent him with Government funds to treat with Agoncillo officially. This delegate reported: 'Agoncillo asked impossible conditions, and such an enormous sum of money that it was out of the question for Spain to accede.'"

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Spain's Boy King and the Two Ministers Accused of Plotting to Dethrone Him.

Premier Silvela and Minister of War Polavieja are charged by Senator-Count Almenara with scheming to declare Alfonso XIII. of age, and when the boy holds the reins of government, to overthrow the monarchy, establish a republic, and make Silvela its President.

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